

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104

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A RESOLUTION urging the bureau of TennCare to incorporate medication therapy management into its healthcare delivery systems.

WHEREAS, collaborative practice represents a valuable framework for enhancing patient care in healthcare delivery; and

WHEREAS, medication therapy management may include medication therapy reviews, anticoagulation management, immunizations, health and wellness programs, and many other clinical services that are beneficial to healthcare delivery; and

WHEREAS, in medication therapy management the aligning of incentives can improve outcomes while controlling costs; and

WHEREAS, through medication therapy management, patients, providers and payers collaborate to advance patient health; and

WHEREAS, as pharmacists, patients, and others on healthcare teams work together, a healthcare delivery system can realize improved patient health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, reporting outcomes and tracking progress permits healthcare teams to actively collaborate in patient care; and

WHEREAS, innovations like medication therapy management hold the promise of decreasing healthcare costs through improving patient health status; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of medication therapy management could improve patient outcomes in the TennCare program; and

WHEREAS, the bureau of TennCare, healthcare providers, and the health of TennCare enrollees could all benefit from the use of medication therapy management in the healthcare delivery systems of the TennCare program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body urges the bureau of TennCare to incorporate medication therapy management into all of its healthcare delivery systems in order to improve patient outcomes and control costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for transmittal to the commissioner of finance and administration and the deputy commissioner for the bureau of TennCare.